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SUBJECT: LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT

1. THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF A LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT FROM RAJINDAR PURI, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE JANTA PARTY WHICH WAS DELIVERED TO THE EMBASSY ON THE AFTERNOON OF MARCH 4.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: (PARA) I DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE PRESS DISCLOSURES OF ARRESTS OF INDIAN OFFICIALS AND THE EXPULSION FROM INDIA OF TWO AMERICAN DIPLOMATS ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED IN AN ESPIONAGE SCANDAL. ONE OF THE INDIAN OFFICIALS ARRESTED IS LINKED WITH A SENIOR CABINET MINISTER IN OUR COUNTRY, AND THE OUTBREAK OF THIS SCANDAL ON THE EVE OF THE INDIAN GENERAL ELECTION IS CAUSING SERIOUS CONCERN AMONG MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE OPPOSITION PARTIES. (PARA) THE GOVT OF INDIA, WHILE CONFIRMING THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ALLEGATIONS, HAVE PLEADED THAT FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE MATTER WOULD HAMPER INVESTIGATIONS. (PARA) A NEWSPAPER REPORT ON THIS SUBJECT FROM AN INDIAN CORRESPONDENT BASED IN WASHINGTON, DC STATES:

QUOTE THE PROBLEM ABOUT ALLEGATIONS OF CIA'S INVOLVEMENT IS THAT DENIALS WILL NOT BE BELIEVED AND CONFIRMATION IN SUCH MATTERS IS OUT OF THE QUESTION. UNQUOTE (PARA) IS IT TRUE, MR. PRESIDENT,
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THAT CONFIRMATION IN SUCH MATTERS IS OUT OF THE QUESTION? IN YOUR ELECTION CAMPAIGN, WHICH CAUGHT THE IMAGINATION OF AN ENTIRE WORLD WEARIED BY THE CYNICISM AND IMMORALITY OF INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY DURING THE LAST DECADE, YOU HAD PLEDGED THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD TAKE THE LEAD IN INTRODUCING OPEN DEALINGS IN FOREIGN POLICY. THE OUTBREAK OF THIS SCANDAL, MR. PRESIDENT, HAS PUT THAT PLEDGE TO THE TEST. (PARA) THE INDIAN PUBLIC WOULD LIKE TO

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KNOW: 1. IS IT TRUE THAT THE CIA WAS RECENTLY INVOLVED IN ESPIONAGE DEALINGS IN OUR COUNTRY? 2. IF SO, IS IT TRUE THAT THE CIA WAS WORKING IN CLOSE LIAISON WITH THE HIGHEST ECHELONS OF THE INDIAN GOVT? (PARA) I BELIEVE, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT YOU ARE A TRUTHFUL MAN, AND I URGE YOU, THEREFORE, TO SHED AS MUCH LIGHT ON THIS SUBJECT AS YOU POSSIBLY CAN. YOUR CANDOUR ON THIS QUESTION WOULD INJECT A NEW MORALITY IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND BRING MANKIND CLOSER TO A HEALTHY WORLD ORDER BASED UPON MUTUAL TRUST AND UNDERSTANDING. ((PARA) WHILE I AWAIT YOUR REPLY ON THIS SUBJECT, I AM TAKING THE LIBERTY OF MAKING PUBLIC CONTENTS OF THIS LETTER. (PARA) YOUR TRULY, (SIGNED) RAJINDER PURI, MARCH 4, 1977 UNQUOTE.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE TEXT OF THE LETTER WAS MADE PUBLIC AT A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD BY PURI EARLIER IN THE AFTERNOON OF MARCH 4.
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